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WBVEHICULAR ACTIVITY
ROUTE 7, LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM

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1. [REDACTED] REVEALS A NINE TRUCK (FIVE OF WHICH APPEAR ON GRAPHIC) CONVOY HEADING IN A NORTH-WESTERLY DIRECTION ON ROUTE 7 (AT 1927N 10406E) IN THE VICINITY OF BAN TAU THO MILITARY CAMP, 0.8 NM SOUTHEAST OF THE LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER. FOUR OF THE FIVE CONVOY TRUCKS ARE CAMOUFLAGED WITH FOLIAGE. AN ADDITIONAL UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLE IS OBSERVED IN THE AREA HEADING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION.

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2. THIS MISSION ALSO REVEALS A VEHICLE PARK (AT 1935N 10343E) ON BOTH SIDES OF ROUTE 7, 3.9 NM EAST OF BAN KEN, AND APPROXIMATELY 20 NM FROM THE LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER. THE AREA SOUTH OF ROUTE 7 CONTAINS ONE LARGE AND ONE SMALL BUILDING, A STRONGPOINT CONSISTING OF ONE BUILDING AND FOUR PROBABLE AW POSITIONS, AND FOUR VEHICLES. FOUR ADDITIONAL VEHICLES ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA JUST NORTH OF ROUTE 7.

3. AREA HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY NUMEROUS [REDACTED] LAZY DAISY, LUCKY DRAGON AND [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY.

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AIRFIELDS
PLEIKU AREA, SOUTH VIETNAM

1. TROJAN HORSE [REDACTED] REVEALS TWO AIRFIELDS
IN THE PLEIKU AREA.

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A. PLEIKU/CU HANG AIRFIELD (1400N 10801E) LOCATED 1.5 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF PLEIKU HAS A 5,800 X 145 FT, E/W, ASPHALT RUNWAY WITH A 740 FT ROLLED EARTH OVERRUN AT THE EAST END AND A 960 FT ROLLED EARTH OVERRUN AT THE WEST END. A PARALLEL TAXIWAY IS CONNECTED BY FOUR CROSSOVER LINKS TO THE RUNWAY. FACILITIES INCLUDE TWO ASPHALT PARKING APRONS, ONE HANGAR, AND TEN MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS. NO AIRCRAFT ARE OBSERVED.

A PROBABLE BARRACKS AREA AND A POSSIBLE RADAR SITE ARE LOCATED JUST NORTH OF THE WEST END OF THE RUNWAY. AT THE EAST END OF THE AIRFIELD AND OUTSIDE THE AIRFIELD PERIMETER IS A LARGE SECURED ORDNANCE DEPOT CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-NINE REVETTED STORAGE BUILDINGS.

A US MAAG COMPOUND IS LOCATED NORTHWEST OF THE WEST END OF THE RUNWAY. NO DAMAGE IS DISCERNIBLE IN THIS AREA. AN AREA 1.5 NM NORTH OF THE AIRFIELD CONTAINS A TOTAL OF FIFTY-NINE BUILDINGS, FOUR OF WHICH ARE POSSIBLY DAMAGED.

B. PLEIKU AREA AIRFIELD (1358N 10802E) LOCATED 1.8 NM EAST OF PLEIKU AND EAST OF THE JUNCTION OF ROUTES 14 AND 19, HAS A 4,800 X 150 FT, NE/SW, ASPHALT RUNWAY WITH A 480 FT CRUSHED ROCK EXTENSION ON THE

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NORTHEAST END.

FACILITIES INCLUDE FOUR ASPHALT PARKING APRONS, ONE HANGAR AND A CONTROL TOWER. THREE PROBABLE POSITIONS OF DESTROYED HELICOPTERS ARE LOCATED ON A PARKING APRON ON THE SOUTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY.

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| AIRCRAFT OBSERVED: | 1 C-123 |
| | 1 C-47 |
| | 5 CC-108 (CARIBOU) |
| | 1 PROB C-45 |
| | 7 OE-1 |
| | 3 DHC-2 (BEAVER) |
| | 24 HU-1A (HELICOPTER) |

CAMP HOLLOWAY IS LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF THE SOUTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY. NO DAMAGE IS DISCERNIBLE IN THIS AREA.

2. COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT TWO HOURS AFTER THE VIET CONG INITIATED CEASE FIRE IN COMMEMORATION OF TET ENDED AT MIDNIGHT 6 FEBRUARY, THE US ADVISORS COMPOUND AND THE 52ND AVIATION BATTALION AREA (CAMP HOLLOWAY) AT PLEIKU WERE SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKED BY 81-MM MORTAR, 57-MM RECOILLESS RIFLE, AND RIFLE GRENADE FIRE DURING A 15 MINUTE PERIOD. THIS ATTACK WAS FOLLOWED BY A GROUND PROBE ACROSS THE NORTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY AT HOLLOWAY. TWENTY AIRCRAFT WERE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED AND 52 BILLETTS RECEIVED VARYING DEGREES OF DAMAGE.

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AN ESTIMATED 10-15 MORTAR ROUNDS WERE FIRED INTO THE US ADVISORS COMPOUND. IN THE ATTACK ON CAMP HOLLAWAY AND THE ADJACENT AIRSTRIP, THE VC USED SMALL ARMS, 57-MM RECOLLESS RIFLES, AND RIFLE GRENADES AND PLANTED DEMOLITION CHARGES UNDER THREE AIRCRAFT. A VC 4-TUBE 81-MM MORTAR POSITION WAS LOCATED EAST OF PLEIKU AND 69 EMPTY MORTAR ROUND CONTAINERS WERE FOUND AT THE SITE AFTER THE ATTACK.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT DAMAGED AT PLEIKU:

52 BILLETES DAMAGED (7 MAJOR, 10 MODERATE, 35 MINOR)

5 HELICOPTERS DESTROYED

11 HELICOPTERS DAMAGED

1 CARIBOU MAJOR DAMAGE

1 CARIBOU MINOR DAMAGE

3 LIAISON MINOR DAMAGE

1 VNAF LIAISON MINOR DAMAGE

3. AREA HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY COVERED BY [REDACTED] LUCKY DRAGON,
AND TROJAN HORSE PHOTOGRAPHY.

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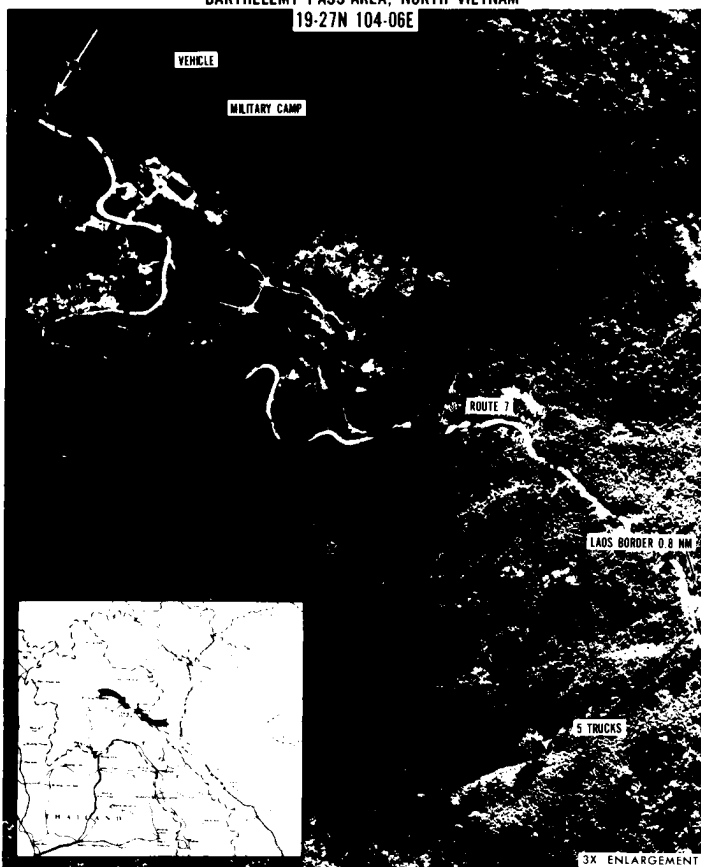
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VEHICULAR ACTIVITY ROUTE 7, LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM

TRUCK CONVOY
BARTHELEMY PASS AREA, NORTH VIETNAM
19-27N 104-06E



VEHICLE PARK
BAN KEN AREA, LAOS
19-35N 103-43E

